

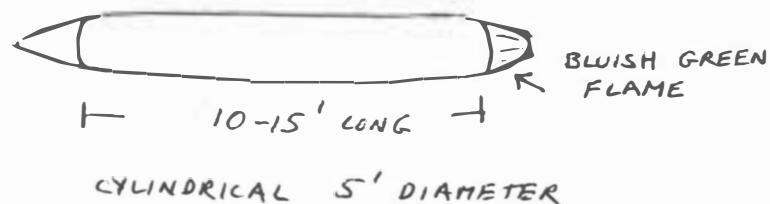
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ENGINEER VIEWS LOW-LEVEL CYLINDER AT IPSWICH, MASS.

by Marge Christensen and Linda Seal



Date of Sighting: August 14, 1981

Time of Sighting: 8:10 PM EST

Place of Sighting: Ipswich, Massachusetts, Essex County, USA

Local Evaluation: Unknown

Sighting Account:

Jack Whittier, 28, holder of a master's degree in engineering, and an economist, as well, was bringing his boat into the Ipswich River. He had been watching the sun go down when he noticed a "dark silvery" cylinder-shaped object flash across the sky at an extremely rapid speed. As he was coming over the breakwater at the mouth of the river, he saw the object move from right to left across the sky.

It was a clear night, the temperature was 71 degrees F, and the wind was blowing ESE at only 3 MPH. Visibility was 15 miles and the ceiling unlimited.

At first, Jack thought that this must be some kid's great toy, but soon he realized that this was not a toy! The object had no lights, but it had a bluish-green flame at the rear like a Bunsen burner flame. The object went up Fox Creek toward Essex, suddenly stopped, went straight up into the air and was no longer visible.

Jack stated that he got a good view of the object since it was only about 100 feet above him and no more than 100 feet away when he saw it. He estimated the diameter to be about 5 feet and the length 10 to 15 feet. He estimated also that he was able to view the object for about 5 seconds. The object did not pass in front of, or behind any landmarks during the sighting.

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Editor's comment:

Anomalous aerial phenomena that are reported at the same time as fireballs or meteors are usually quickly dismissed as poor observations of these self-same phenomena by unqualified observers. The case on page 1 from Ipswich makes one stop and think. Here we have an observer with technical credentials who is also evaluated as an individual who does not come to hasty conclusions. In addition to serving as a reminder that every case should be evaluated on its own merits it should make us wonder at the possible connection of "astronomically similar" phenomena and the field so often in our thoughts.

Note: The third part of the Foxborough CE of Dec. 4, 1980 will be postponed until our January, 1982 issue because of lack of space.

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It should be noted that the area of the Ipswich River where the sighting was made is approximately 1 mile SE of a USAF experimental radar antenna station. Jack called the facility at another time to ascertain whether the object had perhaps been tracked but was told that no one was at the Station at the time of his observation.

The Witness:

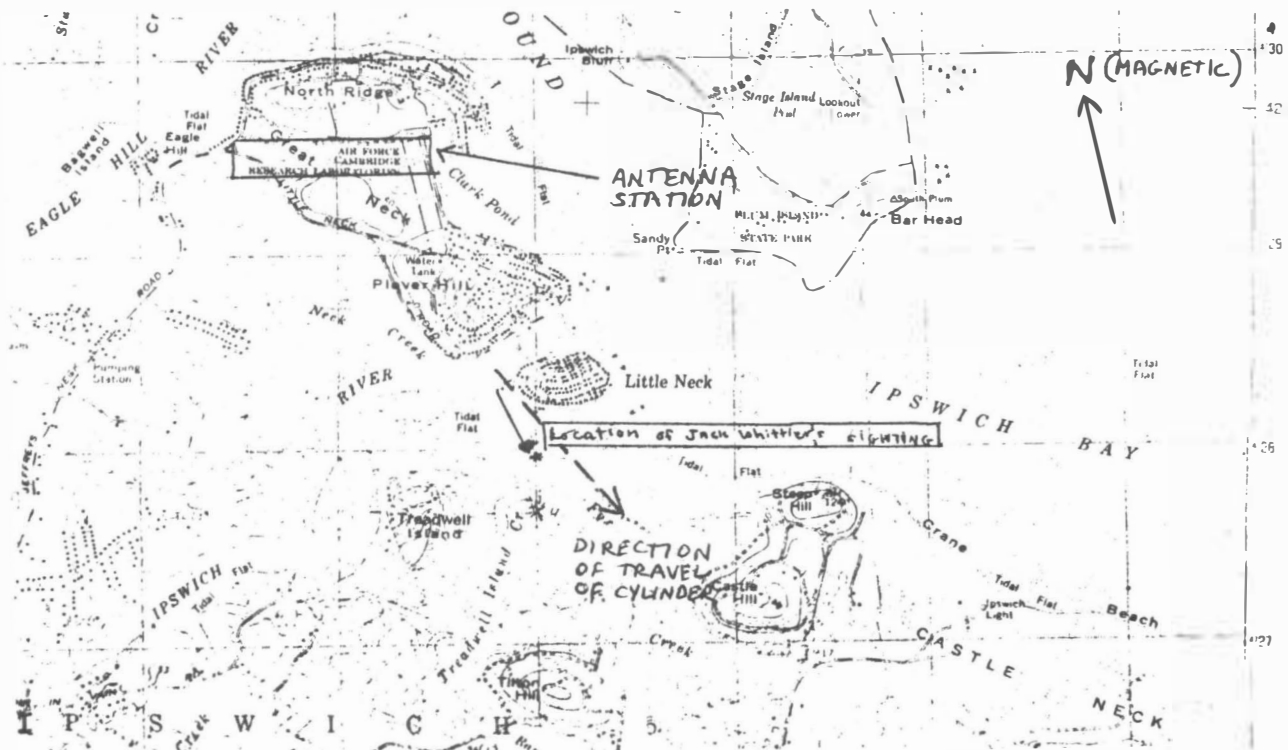
Jack Whittier is an engineer at X-Energy Corp., in Burlington, Massachusetts. He also serves the town of Ipswich as chairman of its Energy Advisory Committee. He struck the investigators as a precise, meticulous person who was also very intelligent. Although he wanted to report his sighting, he was, at first, very cautious of MUFON and asked several times what MUFON stood for and what type of people were affiliated with it.

Sighting Evaluation:

The witness seemed astute, observant and thorough. It was evident that he was very sure of what he saw and that it was not an aircraft of a conventional type. His description of a silvery cylinder would seem to rule out any astronomical phenomena. Also the speed and maneuverability of the object, as well as its apparent low altitude further rule out conventional aircraft as a possible explanation.

It is also important to note, although it may not be relevant to this case, that the particular location of this sighting has been the site of numerous UFO reports over the years. The USAF Antenna Station nearby has been noted (see map).

In view of the fact that Jack Whittier's character seems impeccable, and in view of his education, it would seem that his story can be taken at face value and that the object reported must be labeled "unidentified".



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AND ALSO ON AUGUST 14, 1981

Almost simultaneous with Jack Whittier's sighting was the report of Maureen Perkins also of Ipswich who, at 8:14 PM EST (by her car's digital clock) reported a "ball of fire heading rapidly over Route 1A in the direction of the Don Bosco property".

The sighting was evaluated as a meteor and was apparently the same object or light reported in the following clippings from several cities in Connecticut. Are the additional details of apparent close encounters valid or the products of imaginations stimulated by the fireball? Without on-the-spot investigations for these claims it is not possible to make a judgement. The information is presented for the record.

Once again, many thanks to Barry Greenwood for supplying the newsclips!

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What was that light in the sky?

By RICHARD ROSS
Bulletin Staff Writer

NORWICH — A intense, bright light, described by one person as "large as a house" was seen by at least three persons in widely separated parts of Eastern Connecticut.

The first reported sighting was in the Pomfret area, at about 8 p.m. The second sighting was in Lebanon, a few minutes later, and the third in East Haddam shortly afterward.

Two of the three sightings were reported to the state police the third to the *Norwich Bulletin*.

The first sighting, in Pomfret, was reported to the State Police Barracks at Danielson, by a woman who refused to identify herself, but told troopers she saw a bright light in the sky.

The second sighting was reported by Henry Chepyha, a dairy farmer, who lives on Route 87 in Lebanon. Chepyha said

that he and his 19-year-old daughter, Bertice, saw an intensely bright ball, about the size of a house, moving across the sky towards the west shortly after 8 p.m. "It was yellow-blue-green, with intense fire behind it, and was moving slowly at about 1,000 feet," Chepyha said.

The third sighting, reported first to the East Hampton Police Department, was made by Larry DiNatale, of Middle Haddam. He described it as "looking like a gigantic sparkler, making a droning noise, and white in color." He estimated it was 1,500 feet above the ground, traveling parallel to the ground, and moving fairly slowly. DiNatale, who said he does not believe in UFO's, feels it was manned, but said it could have been a meteorite.

Sightings were also reported by people attending the Preston Fair, but neither the National Weather Service office at Bradley Field nor the Coast Guard Station in New London reported any sightings.

Sky watchers see visions of fireballs over area

By Tom Drury
News-Times staff

DANBURY — Something weird traveled the darkening skies over western Connecticut last night — and, perhaps, dropped down for a visit.

Several persons called The News-Times and the Danbury Municipal Airport to tell of a "beautiful" flaming globe that streaked momentarily below the clouds at around 8:15 p.m., apparently a burning meteorite taking an unswerving path parallel to the earth and possibly dying over eastern Danbury.

"It almost looked like it was guided," said a former Air Force officer.

An 18-year-old Bethel woman described in detail a bizarre encounter with an oval craft that she said hovered in over trees near her and shone some sort of spotlight on a road in Chimney Heights at about 8:25 p.m.

When it moved close, she said, "I was so overwhelmed I wanted to throw rocks. I hid behind a tree. I

started to cry." She declined to identify herself, except to say she graduated in May from Bethel High School and is attending college.

The incident, she said, took place not far from Bradlee's on Newtown Road.

Elbridge Brown, of Durant St., was the person who reported seeing the flaming object farthest east. He said it was headed toward Bradlee's.

Officials offered possible explanations — meteorite or burning space debris — for the fireball seen tearing a path from the Pawling area. Danbury Airport personnel also reported the sighting in East Fairkill, N.Y. of "a huge fireball that came out of the clouds."

Traffic controller Ray Illich said, "I don't know if it was the same object or one of two."

As operator with the Center for UFO Study, a private monitoring organization in Evansville, Ill., said there were 18 reports of a comet over New England between 8 and 8:30 p.m., from New Jersey, Connecticut, Boston and New York.

But what the Bethel High graduate says she saw is a little harder to explain.

At first she thought the craft was an airplane, she said, because it had three lights. But as the lights turned toward her and the craft moved in over trees, "it came so close to me that I got afraid and I hid... I was in front of a house and there was a tree next to me and it was above the tree."

The craft was "oval with squared-off sides," she said, like a bathtub or the top of a vaseline jar. She saw only "black, shadowy-like stuff" on the surface of the craft, which was flat on the bottom.

"They had a floodlight type thing, like they were looking on the ground; a cone-type light, but not bright, soft, and I could see the edges of it," she said.

"I was really afraid it was going to come right on top of me," she said. "The light was shining. I thought somebody was going to come out." She considered running across an adjoining lawn and knocking on the door, "but I felt I could've been seen."

After a time the woman said was probably several minutes but seemed longer, the light faded and a humming noise began, "not a rhyth-

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mic-type noise or a motor-type noise." The craft then appeared to turn and float off toward Danbury and the Bradlee's, staying parallel to a hill but not descending.

"They didn't seem to — they, isn't that weird — it didn't seem to be there because I was there," the woman said. "It was one of those residential nights when everyone's living room light is on and the sprinklers are on."

"It was the most weird feeling I've ever had," she said. "I went running up the road crying. The feeling it felt like was fear; not that they were going to get me, but just that they were there." She said she wondered whether the craft was a secret spy plane being tested in the area. "Everyone laughed at me when I told them," she said. "It's so frustrating, because I'm not crazy."

From the number of the calls, there seemed little doubt something tore through the air at 8:15 p.m. Those who saw it were unsure of the

altitude, but it was below the clouds.

The level at which broken layer of clouds covered half the horizon was 25,000 feet, according to Illich of the Danbury Airport.

Three persons who claimed they saw the fireball with friends and from different locations called The News-Times, and at least two callers talked to personnel at the airport.

Their reports indicate that the projectile streaked over King Street near Clapboard Ridge and possibly veered in the Lake Avenue area, traveling parallel to White Street over the central city. Several callers asked not to be identified for fear of ridicule.

A woman in the West Terrace area said she viewed the object with six others. "It was shooting right along," she said, "gases or whatever burning behind... It was really beautiful. It was like a piece of something that's bright."

The assumption in the group was that it was a meteorite, she said, but

"It just looked different than everything we'd ever seen."

She said that watching it fade into an area between downtown and Wooster Street, "We said, 'Oh, there, it died out over there.'"

A King Street resident and former Air Force officer said he watched the object cross the sky silently toward Danbury in about 10 seconds — "definitely faster" than a jet.

"I happened to notice coming from New Fairfield this bright orange ball of flames," he said, adding that his first thought was it might be leftover fireworks. "The more I looked at it I could see this thing was huge and totally engulfed in flames. It was just getting dark, and overcast. It was coming in a straight line, level with the ground. That I think made me more curious."

He said, "I was in the Air Force and I know what planes are and I'm familiar with things in the sky somewhat, but I'd never seen anything like this close up..."

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"It almost looked like it was guided, you know what I mean, rather than moving erratically."

An air traffic controller at the Federal Aviation Administration's Control Center in Ronkonkoma, Long Island, said nothing unusual was seen on radar last night, although there was a report from a pilot of some falling space debris. He said he'd received two reports of UFOs yesterday. "You get used to it," he said.

Brown of Durant Street said he observed something burning and moving east through the sky, from the area of the railroad station toward Bradlee's. He said the object appeared to change direction. "It was weird," he said.

Illich said there is not much airport personnel can do in response to UFO reports. "Unless it's on the ground and surrounded by police and responsible-type individuals, all we can do is just say 'mmm-hmmm,'" he said.

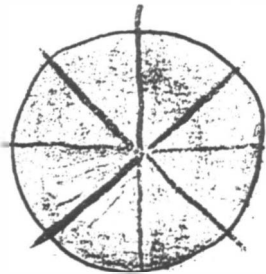
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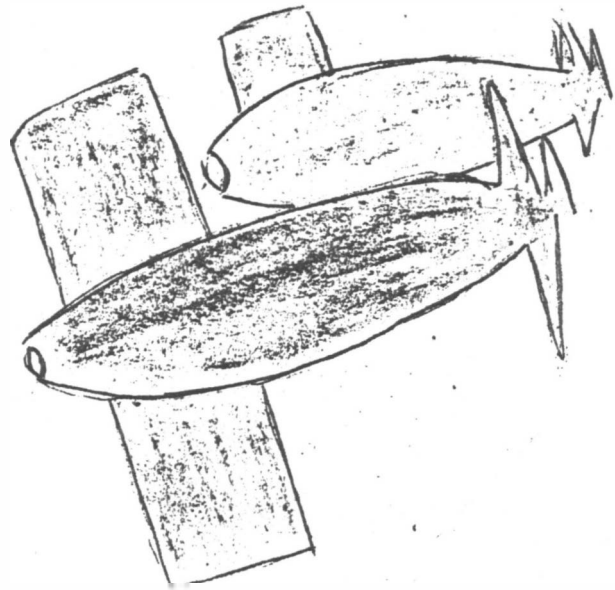
STRANGE OBJECTS, POSSIBLE LANDING TRACES AT IPSWICH, MASS., JAN. 1, 1981

by Marga Christensen and Linda Seal



"These appeared to be convex somewhat like a jelly doughnut shape"

The violet-red color in each case corresponded to Federal Standard Color #31638.



"These forms were of a bright red-violet illumination without radiating the light. Each appearance lasted about 15-20 seconds."

Date of Sighting: January 1, 1981
Time of Sighting: 00:02 AM EDT
Place of Sighting: Ipswich, Massachusetts, Essex County, USA
Local Evaluation: Unknown

Sighting Account:

Ruth Hendron (Sister Catherine Bernadine) was in her fourth floor bedroom on New Year's Eve watching television. She was recovering from the flu and pleurisy, but had no fever, and was not taking medication at the time. A minute or two after midnight she turned off the television set and returned to her bed, when she saw on her wall "reflected violet-red pastel light coming from something not moving."

She got out of bed, went to her window which faces east, and observed an apparent ten-foot violet-red pastel sphere which appeared to be rushing toward her across the field from the southern direction. She noticed small yellow spokes radiating into the object. The object appeared to be lighted from within. She noticed no sound. The object was approximately 225 feet away from her window, at a height of approximately 45 feet. The object hovered over a field located behind fruit trees which were about 15 feet high, and in front of oak trees which were 45-50 feet high. The object appeared to be at the same height as her fourth floor window (see drawing).

After observing the object for approximately 15-20 seconds she noticed that the center portion seemed to become brighter and then the object blinked out like a light and appeared to be "swallowed" by the earth. She continued looking out the window and approximately 20 seconds later, another sphere, identical to the first except for its size (double the first sphere) appeared and repeated the same maneuvers as the first and then disappeared.

She then ran to a room with a southern exposure thinking that she would have a better view. She waited there for 5-10 minutes, and then observed two objects (one twice the size of the other - estimated at 10 and 20 feet) simultaneously descend, hover and blink out in the same location as the first two. These second two objects reminded her of airplanes, with some exceptions: the color was the same as that of the first two - violet-red pastel intense light (but not radiating), but with no yellow light spokes. She noted that these objects had wings, a nose, and a fuselage, but no windows and no propeller. The smaller object appeared to be dove-tailed to the larger one. She stressed that with all four objects the light was intense, all from within, but not radiating.

She noted that the night was beautiful and clear, the stars were bright, and the trees were black. She did not see the moon in the sky. There was a little snow on the ground.

She saw nothing else, and after waiting a few more minutes, she went to bed. The next day she noticed a circular black spot of melted snow in the approximate area of the UFO sighting, but was told by the Mother Superior that there had been underground plumbing problems in that area.

There were no additional witnesses to the sighting. However, Ruth Hendren mentioned that as she was going from the bedroom to another window, she saw another nun in the hallway, who might have possibly seen the objects, and who, ironically, died one hour before we arrived to interview Ruth Hendren.

It should be noted that the convent is a large, quiet, isolated private estate of many acres, where visitors are rare. The driveway from the main road is approximately 4/10 of a mile. There are no other houses in the immediate vicinity.

The Atlantic Ocean can be viewed from the upper floors of the convent and is probably about 3/4 of a mile away. It should also be noted that the USAF Antenna Station at Great Neck is in the vicinity of the convent.

The entire area is hilly terrain, consisting of fields surrounded by trees. The interview took place in the sun room of the main building and then included a visit to her bedroom as well as the room she later moved to to get a better view of the objects. We noted the area of the sightings from both sets of windows, and took compass readings, which verified her account.

We then walked down to the field where the objects were sighted, and as we paced off the area, we noted that her size and distance estimates were fairly accurate.

On leaving the convent, we noted that approximately 20 feet from the area over which the objects hovered there were semicircular areas in which no grass grew, but which contained mushrooms. The largest was approximately 10 feet in diameter (see sketch). These grassless areas were somewhat conspicuous in the well-manicured grounds. The date of our observation was August 1, 1931.

The Witness

Ruth Hendren, age 64, is a former biology teacher who retired early because of colitis. She now resides at the Sisters of Notre Dame House of Retirement, where she devotes her time to chauffeuring older nuns around and making hospital visits.

She was very candid and open and seemed pleased to have her sighting investigated. She mentioned that she didn't mind our using her name as she knows what she saw.

She speaks intelligently and displays a scientific knowledge. Although she hadn't considered the possibility that she had seen a UFO, in her own mind she had eliminated all possibilities she could think of such as airplanes, fireworks, fire trucks, etc.. It is interesting that she mentioned that she had no feeling of fear during the sighting, and it is further interesting that she did not give any religious interpretation whatsoever to the experience.

The next morning she related her story to a fellow nun who had had a UFO sighting four years ago, and that nun advised her to report her sighting.

During the course of the interview, she stressed that she had never thought about the topic of UFOs. She did mention to us that she now wonders if the UFOs might be the result of the ions in the earth's atmosphere reflecting some light and forming various configurations. However, she does not seem entirely satisfied with this explanation, as she seemed anxious to have the sightings investigated.

During our visit to the convent we were introduced to several other nuns who seemed to hold her in esteem.

Sighting Evaluation:

Sister Catherine Bernadine appears to be a highly credible witness who certainly has no cause to fabricate a story and does not seek notoriety. She was very specific and detailed in her descriptions and seemed genuinely interested in her sighting purely from a scientific point of view. She was not even aware that she had described a typical UFO sighting until she was told so by a colleague the morning after the sighting.

Her estimates of distance and height were extremely accurate and coincided with actual measurements which we took. We found it particularly interesting and intriguing that she sighted four objects in total, and two of these were approximately twice the size of the other two. We found from our investigation of the possible physical traces that there were four distinct horseshoe configurations with the larger two being about twice the size of the smaller two. At this point this is merely circumstantial evidence.

We were able to rule out the possibility of the objects being either astronomical phenomena or conventional aircraft.

Investigation of Possible Physical Traces:

On Saturday, August 8, 1981, we returned to the Convent grounds accompanied by Joe Nyman and Jules Vaillancourt, to map the suspected trace area and take soil samples. A Victoreen Radiation Counter (Model 7108) was used in an effort to detect radiation. Nothing unusual was observed with this instrument but it should be remembered that the date of the incident was eight months prior.

A 20 foot by 22 foot grid of one foot squares was constructed over the suspected area and soil samples were taken and submitted to Ted Phillips, Cufos landing trace specialist, for analysis (see sketches and photos).

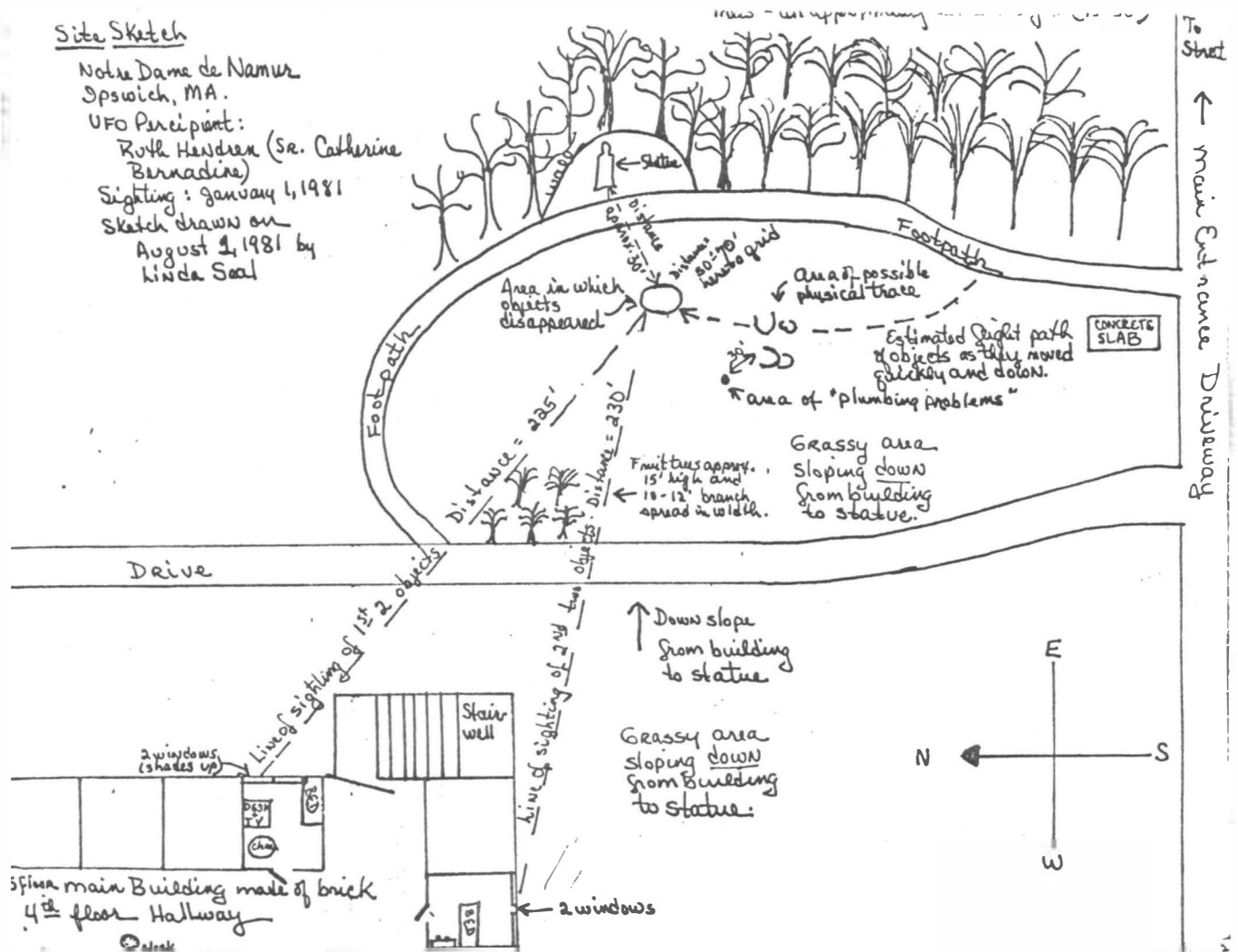
It should be mentioned that when the witness walked over to our grid, she commented that it was not the exact site over which she saw the objects. She felt the grid was too far to the south of the area where the objects were hovering. She felt that the grid area was not visible from her windows, however, a check showed that it was visible from both windows.

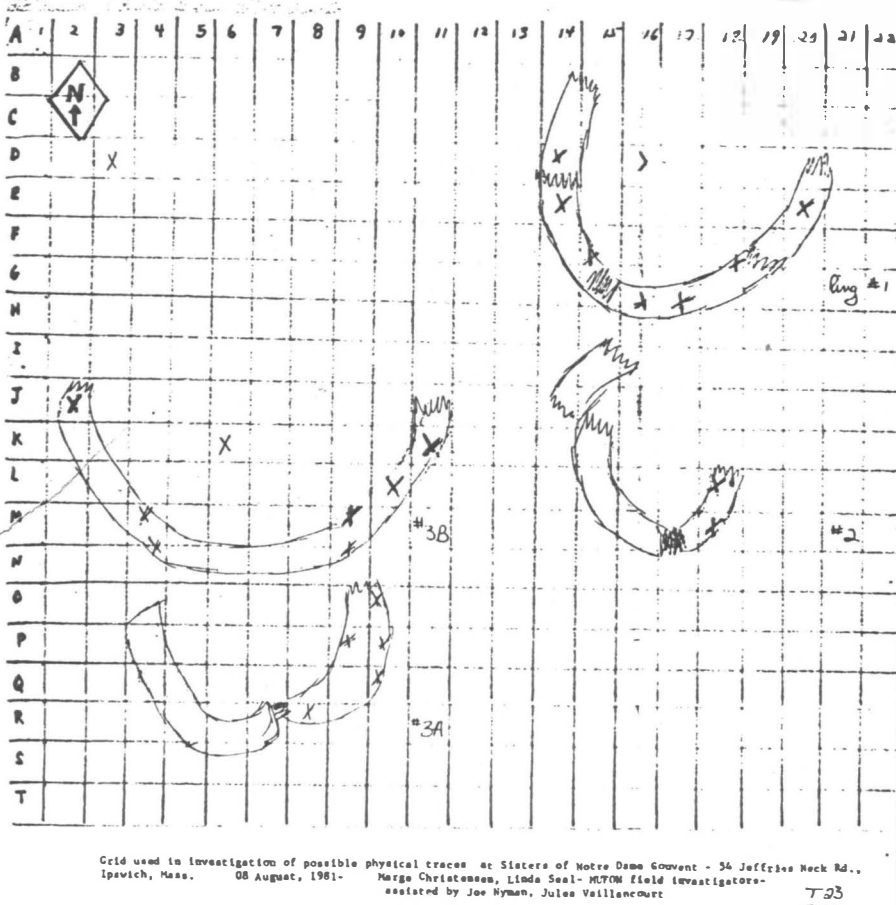
The present caretaker does not know how long the markings have been there as he has been caretaker for only a short time.

Editor's notes

A remarkably similar trace was reported in the French publication "Lumieres dans la Nuit" (Aug-Sept '81, No. 207, p.13) from a French case of January 8, 1981. The proximity of dates and the form similarity has prompted Ted Phillips to request the sample analysis from the French group concerned in the hopes of finding some likenesses. Results will be reported when available.

Barry Greenwood has recently visited the site with the two original investigators and reports that new green grass is now growing well in the previously barren areas. A large mushroom colony is plainly evident as well. It is his opinion, based on what he has found out about the characteristics of fairy rings, that the traces are only examples of this mycological phenomenon. Hopefully, Ted Phillip's analysis will render a definitive decision.





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Grid and trace sketch.

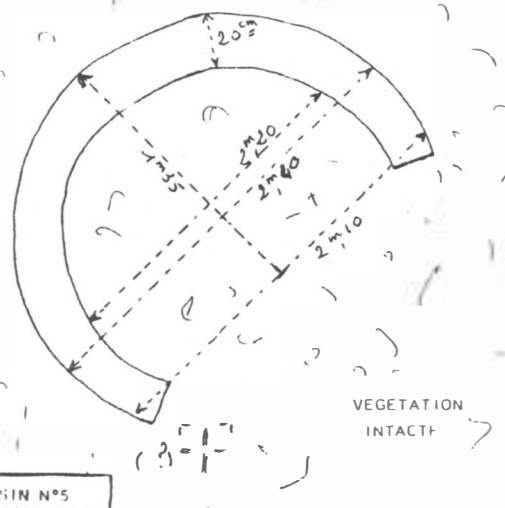
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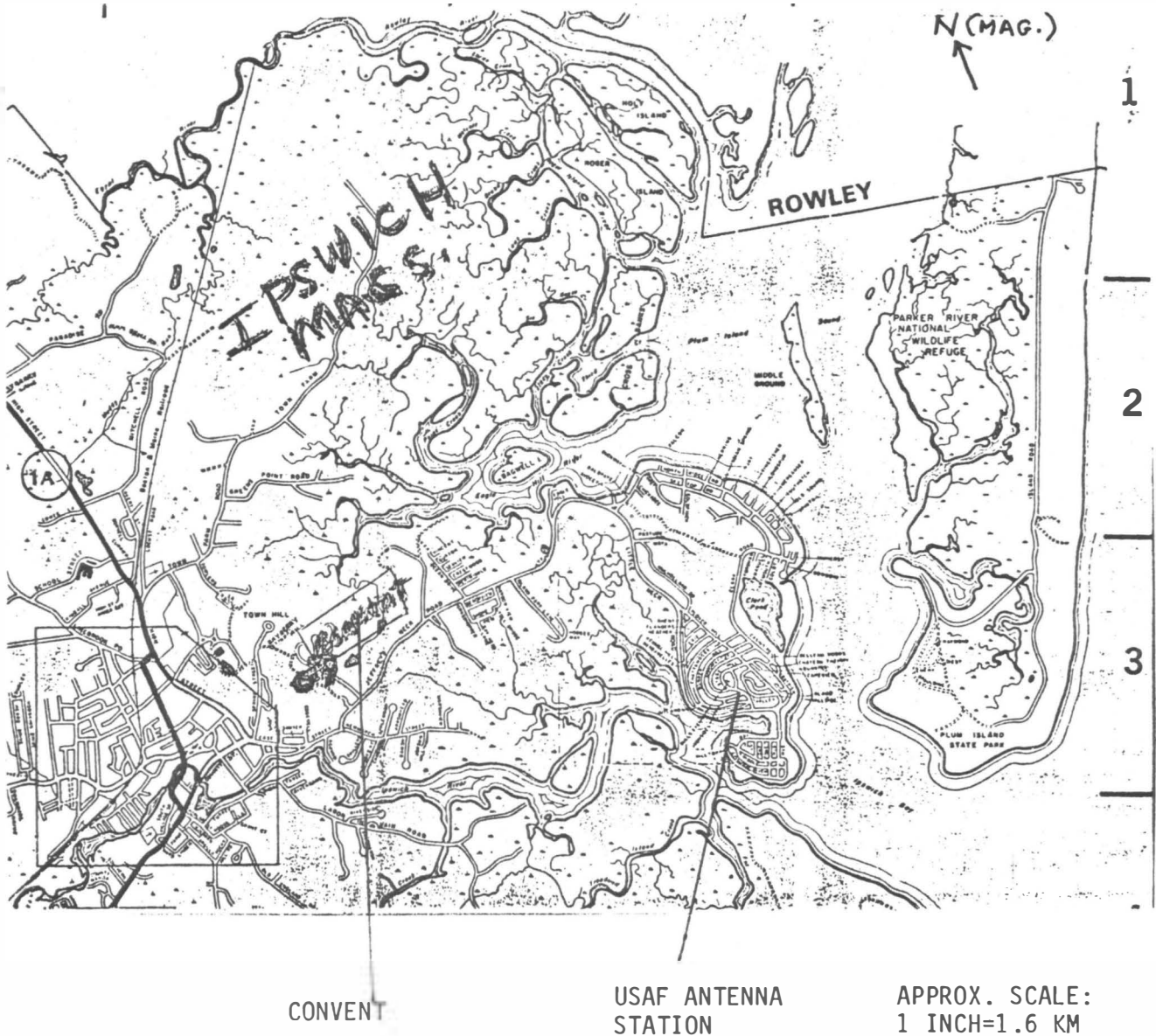
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Trace at Trans-en-Provence (Var),

France, January 8, 1981.

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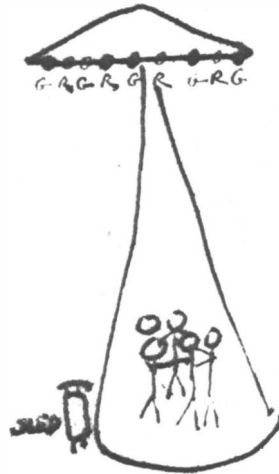
(UFO sighting reported)

AMHERST — Police said a resident of Riverglade Apartments reported seeing an unidentified flying object this morning in the northwestern sky. The UFO was described as a red, blue and green, fast-moving flying craft of some sort that streaked across the sky at about 1:20 a.m. today and then disappeared from sight. Police said an investigation would not be continuing today.

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BARRY GREENWOOD

"THEY'RE PICKIN' MY BRAIN..."!, MANSFIELD, MASS., FEB. 1954 (OR 1955).

by Joe Nyman and Ed Fogg



Pulsating Lights
around rim alternating
blue-green and red.

Readers of our previous two issues remember the incidental involvement of an individual who was a scoutmaster, science teacher, and friend-of-the-family of the witness in the CE claim of December 4, 1980 (N.E. UFO Newsletter, Jan. '81, and APR-JUL '81). William or Bill Sheehan, age 42, is that individual, and during our investigation on the evening of December 4th, we had met and talked briefly with him about the purpose of our visit (we feel free, now, to publish his name since he has relocated outside of Massachusetts and had initially given us permission to publish his identity).

Bill displayed an immediate interest in the drawing made by the witness of the object seen that night (see N.E.UFO Newsletter, JAN '81, page 1). Bill remarked how similar it was to what he himself had seen years ago. We agreed to meet and discuss his sighting at a future date so as not to interrupt the evening's investigation.

On March 11, 1981, the investigators met with Bill at his home in Foxborough. Rather than the prosaic sighting report we had anticipated, a rather unusual story unfolded.

On what Bill remembered to be an evening preceding a schoolday in February, 1955 (but may actually have been February, 1954 as was indicated later under hypnosis), he and four schoolfriends were sledding on a vacant lot in Mansfield, Mass. not far from the Foxborough border. Some of the teenagers wore watches as it was necessary for them to be home by 9:30 PM. That required that they stop their activities by 9:00 PM to be home on time.

Bill remembered that it was before 9:00 and that they were about to attempt one more race before starting back. Prior to completion of the race they saw what looked like a bright star coming from the west. As it approached it became two or three times the size of the full moon and displayed alternate blue-green and red lights around its rim which "pulsated". The object, for that is what it had become, apparently moved directly over the four boys and one girl (this was not explicitly stated but is inferred from the context of the story). A blinding light surrounded the five who now were huddled together, standing with their arms around each other's shoulders, unable to move!

The next conscious remembrance of Bill Sheehan was that the object "took off straight up ... shrinking to a distant speck" and then "went flashing across the sky faster than anything we had ever seen". Just before it left a "whirring" noise was heard.

It was now 10:00 PM! They knew that their parents would be very angry at their late arrival (which, indeed, was the case).

"We all said goodbye without even talking about it .
Later, we decided never to tell anyone about it since they would think we were crazy."

Interestingly, Bill claimed a second sighting in August, 1962 from outside his parent's house on Franklin St., East Mansfield. It was a hot night, Bill remembered. He went outside for air and laid in the grass looking up at the sky. Again, a bright star appeared that became three or four times the size of the full moon. He called to his parents who came outside in time to see the hovering object displaying greenish and reddish lights that seemed to flicker around the rim as the object rotated. Again, the whirling noise was heard. The object hovered for a short time (no estimate, ed.) and left by moving rapidly up, out of sight. The pitch of the whirring increased as the object receded.

The Sheehan's dog had run into the house when the object came into view but came outside and howled as the object was leaving. The family decided not to report the sighting to anyone as they feared disbelief.

It may have been that Bill's father-in-law and his (Bill's) wife's uncle had also seen the object at the same time from a different location in Mansfield. Bill's parents had left the state at the time of our interview and his wife's father and uncle were no longer living, so it was not possible to check the story at that time.

Bill's first experience, as recounted, seemed pregnant with latent information, so arrangements were made to have Bill retell his story under hypnosis on March 25, 1981. The hypnotist, who will remain nameless at this writing, has a public position in the town of Foxborough and was known to the subject and to one of the investigators (E.F.). By the investigator's efforts the hypnotist was persuaded to volunteer his services in the case.

The hypnotist employed instruments in his sessions as an aid in gauging the emotional state of the subject. Skin conductivity and pulse rate were observable and able to be correlated with the apparent stressful experience relived by the subject. Thus, the instruments could give some indication whether a subject was really re-experiencing an emotional or stressful experience or merely telling a story.

Bill proved to be a good subject. The instruments confirmed his visible emotional state throughout his retelling. The following are excerpts which amplify the original story of the 1954 (or 1955) experience:

WS = William Sheehan
I = Interviewer

WS Sliding...five of us...it's cold...not much time left but we have to see who is going to go furthest...(pause) I beat him...my sled has run the farthest...what's that?...it's bright...really bright...hurts my eyes... hurts their eyes...(not understood)tingling... tingles...we get together (not understood)...(sighs)....

I Is there a shape to the object?

WS It's round...it's over us and it's got an awful (sic) bright light... so cold yet so...bright...can't look, it hurts the eyes....

I Everybody see it?

WS We all saw it. We can't tell anybody, they'd think we're stupid...
Supposed to be home at 9:30 ...9:30!...oh! what are we going to say?
...we're late!

I How long ago was this?

WS When we saw it we had plenty of time. We were going to slide one
more slide...Pete was going to beat me...can't slide...we're
going to catch it...my father won't let me out...(not understood)
the time we been away...how could it be 10:00!?...It couldn't
have been...it can't be 10:00. We had fifteen minutes left. Pete's
gonna beat me....

I Concentrate on that light Bill. What happens when you concentrate
on that light? Do you see, hear, feel anything?

WS They're pickin' my brain.

I How do you know this?

WS I can feel it.

I Alright, concentrate on it. Tell us about it. Tell us all the details.

WS Don't know, they're just pickin' my brain. (not understood) me, I
wanna meet them.

I Look around you now. Do you see anything different?

WS It's just nice. My head feels funny still.

I Are your friends still with you?

WS We got to go! It's late.

WS No, I just don't know what they want. I'm not old enough. I
know that. I know math. I know Space, I know that. I don't
know that.

I Don't know what?

WS Don't know that! Never heard of it.

I What is that, Bill?

WS That place.

I What place is that?

WS The only thing I know is nine planets! I don't know that.

I Can you tell us what that place is?

WS I don't even understand.

I Understand what, Bill?

WS I only know nine planets, I don't understand,...I do understand!

I Tell us what you understand.

WS There's more than our sun, I do understand that, of course.

I Bill, how old are you?

WS Fifteen. I don't drive, just my car in the fields, but I don't drive in the winter. Gonna get a car next year when I can drive. I'm fifteen.

I Did they talk with you?

WS Just that I couldn't go in. They didn't talk with me. Didn't see anybody...picked my brain...want to know everything...what Mrs. Jones taught me in Biology. Photosynthesis is when plants...see, they make their own food. No, we don't make our own food, we eat plants (chuckles). No, we eat more than plants, we eat animals. (laughs) Not each other! (Why don't) 'ya let me come up? It's so cold down here. Nothin' more to tell ya. How can I talk to ya, I don't see ya. Oh! (sighs) my chest! God! Your chest hurt too Pete? What belly-flops we did! Still beat ya. No! Ten o'clock! Have to tell us we just stood too long, we didn't look. No, I won't tell either. (pause)

One of the things that came out in the discussion after hypnosis was that Bill had wanted very badly to be taken aboard the object but was denied this wish! What a contrast to the rash of "abduction" claims that so pervade the UFO scene today. Bill felt then that he was not taken because his knowledge was inadequate and if only he had known more he would have been allowed inside. As a result he later began to read an encyclopedia in the hope that when they returned, (he felt assured that "they" would) he would then be qualified. But, when he described his other sighting of 1962 there was no mention of communication or boarding.

Also surfacing in our discussion was Bill's remembrance that all five had experienced nightmares afterward, but in the days following there was hardly any talk of their common experience.

A unique detail in Bill's description of the UFO came out of the hypnosis. He claimed that the edge of the object as it hovered overhead was not smoothly circular, but scalloped.

Thoughts

The possibility of a hoax seems remote in view of the subject's reactions under hypnosis. This is not to deny the possibility of Bill's lying under hypnosis, only that his pulse rate and anxiety levels confirmed the traumatic parts of his relived experience. This is believed by the investigators to add credence to the claim. Additionally, there seems to be no motive for a story of this kind, which could only serve to discredit the teller in the eyes of a conservative community.

Additional and independently obtained evidence, in the form of confirming testimony by some of the others present at that time, would be a strong confirmation, but, the two of the original five still living in the area have not agreed to come forward.

What can we draw from the claim itself?

The "tingling" sensation accompanying Bill's paralysis is a common element of the "light-beam" type of case, which is by now a classic..

As for the remaining elements:

Was Bill engaged in a kind of perverse "polite conversation" while the "real" purpose of the encounter was carried out with one or more of Bill's friends? If so, why is there still such a large gap in his memory (remember, there is still approximately one hour to account for)?

As to the content of Bill's "communication", can it be taken as support for the Extra-Terrestrial-Hypothesis or merely a playback of his own limited knowledge?

Unfortunately, the writer must end only with the questions, for he has no answers.

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Women believe UFO encounter was to be of the third kind

By JOHN GILCHRIST
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KILLINGLY — Heather Chini, 10, was a believer before her close encounter Tuesday night, but now the Moosup woman is convinced that there are spaceships flying about that neither NASA nor the Star Wars people know about.

Heather was driving along Route 6 Tuesday night towards Rhode Island with her friend Judy Gudaitis, when she noticed two bright lights, much brighter than the stars, blinking and hovering over their rust colored Mazda.

The lights were square, about 12 inches in diameter and 14 feet apart, Heather said. And in the glimmer of the light, she could see an outline of a spaceship in the shape of a lopsided stop sign.

As they headed for the Rhode Island border, so did the ship. And when they turned around to come back, so did the object, following along above the trees.

By 9:15 p.m., the lights were following them along Route 52 and off the highway at exit 90.

As the girls headed down Squaw Rock Road, their new companion was still with them. Heather thinks the newcomers wanted to communicate with them, for she and Judy are self-proclaimed believers in unidentified flying objects.

They stopped at the intersection of Moosup Pond Road and watched the incredible sight, until a red Ford Pickup truck came to the intersection.

"I really think it wanted to communicate with us, but when the truck came, the lights started going away."

The whole encounter, from first sighting to the eventual whisking away, lasted for about 45 minutes.

The girls then went to the police and reported the phenomenon to Sgt. William Holmes, who asked Heather to draw a sketch of the craft.

"I know what I saw," the 18 year-old said with a tone of conviction. "I'm not a radical person. I don't just go to the police about something unless I'm sure."

Gary Bent, assistant director of the University of Connecticut Physics department, has heard many similar tales, some from people he knows to be stable. And while he finds it hard to say UFOs are possible, "I'm not saying they don't exist either."

"If they do exist, they have a different technology than we know of," he said. "But based on what physical principles we have, it's very hard to say it's possible."

Heather isn't arguing the scientific explanations and principles. She said she knows what she saw. And she plans to go out searching for it again, along the same route, trying to make contact with whatever it is.

"I know it was for real. There are no doubts in my mind."

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Letter Strange sight

To the Editor:

The following is a bit old to be called current news but is, I feel, of interest to people with inquiring minds.

On March 10th of this year (Town Meeting Night) at about 6:35, a reliable Charlestown citizen and myself witnessed the following as we left Twin Maple Mobile Park located off the old Claremont Road to go south and attend town meeting:

A large reddish-orange object, oval in shape, at about the level of an airplane appeared in the sky. It gave the effect of sparkling or more accurately resembled a fire burning and hovered for at least a minute which was the approximate length of time we stopped and observed. I was riding in the back seat and watched it until it disappeared. About one-eighth of a mile proceeding south it appeared again, sub-divided into parts for a matter of seconds, returned to one part and disappeared.

Fifteen or 20 years ago when UFO's were in print more than they are now, I read extensively on the subject and have always been a believer. Having resumed reading on this subject let me say they are not imagined, especially when more than one person agrees on what was seen. I realize that the government chomps for their own reasons to keep such sightings as secret as possible.

Some time was spent directly following the sighting to contact neighbors in the immediate area but not one of the 15 or 20 people contacted admitted to having seen this phenomenon. Even though there was a heavy flow of traffic going south (reported by a neighbor) there was none when we drove south. Of great interest to me have been people who told me sightings they have seen, some in this area, others local. Some are afraid of being scoffed at so it often happens that you learn.

If anyone else witnessed this or has seen similar sightings it would be of interest to see it in print.

Name Submitted
Charlestown, N.H.

UFO sighted thrice on Rte. 89

By GEORGE MANNES

A Hanover resident, Eugene Fucci, has initiated an investigation into his sighting of an unidentified flying object while he was driving between Hanover to Concord last month.

While travelling on Route 89 at 7:30 p.m. on April 15, Fucci, a retired Air Force pilot, said he saw "two extremely bright stars" that he thought were planets.

"One stayed where it was, but the other dropped down to the horizon in a very, very rapid motion," Fucci said. "It approached me -- it was an equilateral triangle with lights along all three edges and it went right over me at 150 knots," or about 200 mph. The bright light he had seen was "the leading apex of the triangle, like the headlight of a car," he said.

Adept at judging distances in air from his flying experience, Fucci said the triangle was suspended at a height of 2,000 feet in the air and roughly half a football field in size. "It was all metal and black in color," he said.

"It was going to Windsor, Vt.," Fucci said. "Two ladies saw it there. There was a sighting in Barnard, Vt., too. These were three independent sightings all within a matter of minutes."

"I was late in reporting it because I thought it was a squadron of B-52's," Fucci said. Later that week, he said, "I read an account of the two girls in Windsor, and then I realized what my account was."

Fucci called the Air Route Traffic Control Center in Nashua, requesting them to save the corresponding radar tape for the location and time of his sighting. Generally, the center reuses radar tape every 15 days.

In a letter dated May 8, Fucci wrote to Robert Whittington, director of the New England Region of the Federal Aviation Administration, asking for a copy of the radar tape under the Freedom of Informa-

tion Act.

He also suggested it was in the best interests of the FAA to investigate the incident and absorb the cost of copying the tape.

Whittington referred Fucci's letter to Donald Turner, chief of the Evaluation Branch of the New England region of the FAA, who wrote a letter to Fucci dated May 20, informing him that the cost of obtaining the tape would be \$294.25, payable to the Treasurer of the United States.

The FAA will hold the tape for Fucci until July 1 of this year, according to the letter.

"The Air Force keeps a list of sightings," Whittington said, but according to Turner, the FAA is "not interested or concerned with UFO's."

Fucci also notified Phenomenon Research in Seattle, a national reporting center for UFO's. "They are convinced it's a real, valid sighting," Fucci said. "This is the same thing seen in the last ninety days in the Missouri area."

The Mutual UFO Network in Seguin, Texas, is conducting an extensive investigation into the New Hampshire sighting, said Robert Gribble of Phenomenon Research. No representatives of the network could be reached for comment.

When asked if he thought the Mutual UFO Network would buy the tape as part of its investigation, Gribble said, "I would be surprised if they did."

Although the network is supported financially by a large national membership, their funds are probably insufficient for the purchase, he added.

Fucci's is a "Class A" report, containing important scientific data, Gribble said. Last year Phenomenon Research received 250 Class A reports and three times as many "unimportant" ones, he added.

"I was a non-believer, but of course I'm not now," Fucci concluded.

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UFO SURPRISES - Three North Attleboro sisters were surprised last week by an unidentified flying object UFO last week in the Attleboro Falls section of town.

Hazel Deshetres, Hilda Helms and Gladys McKeon saw the object at 1:10 a.m. July 10 as they were driving along Town Street near the Ten Mile River. The women were going home after a game of cards.

Mrs. Deshetres says she thought she spotted the North Attleboro but the object was too bright. She says the object shaped like a saucer with a light in the middle swooped down on the car in which the women were riding and hovered what seemed like five minutes before moving off.

"I was really surprised," said Mrs. Deshetres. "It was the first one I had seen. Gladys was really excited. She wanted to leave because she thought she would be kidnapped by UFO from outer space."

3 report seeing UFO in southern Pittsfield

Three Pittsfield residents reported seeing an unidentified flying object (UFO) over the Pittsfield Country Club last night.

Darryl S. Perrault, 18, of 18 Thomson Place said he was sitting on his porch at 10 p.m. with his girlfriend, Ann Delaignore of South Church Street, when they saw "something like a shooting star move across the sky and then suddenly stop."

He went inside to alert his father, Carl E. Perrault, who brought out a pair of high-powered binoculars. Together the Perraults and Ms. Delaignore watched the UFO for about 45 minutes, the younger Perrault said.

"It was oval-shaped, with red and white flashing lights around the outside like a ring. No way it was a plane or a satellite -- it shot across the sky fast," he reported.

The UFO was located in the southern part of the sky, probably over the country club, he said. "I never really believed in UFOs before."

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THE FAIRY CONNECTION: PART 2

by Joy Barish

Fairy lights, spheres, and discs of light have been known to country folk in particular, and others, since the beginning of time. In the '30s, Hodson observed small violet or lilac colored spheres, two inches in diameter, floating outside of some bulbs growing in a bowl. These spheres had "radii of force flowing from a central point within the sphere...". At Cottingley, England, in August, 1921 Hodson (a brilliant intuitive clairvoyant in his day) observed a group of dancing fairies in a field. They moved in an ever widening circle in the middle of which was something like an inverted fruit dish. Hodson again observed, in the Lake district of England in August, 1922, a group of gambolling fairies, a globular heart-shaped form which gradually increased in size until it looked not unlike an inverted GLASS BOWL (sound familiar?!). The fairies were mainly female, about six inches in height. Amazingly, Hodson observed extremely thin and glittering radial divisions marking off compartments within the globular form. One thinks of the many compartments in the craft of the Andreasson case or the Travis Walton case of Nov. 5, 1975, or of the hundreds of others and one asks oneself: Is this a vital clue?

Again, Hodson observed at a "Druid Circle" near Keswick, England in August, 1922 (clairvoyantly) enormous "devas" or "planetary spirits" descending through the air to a group of priests involved in a druidic ceremony (mind you, he was reliving a past event). He observed a lightning-like force playing along their backs in the form of a huge cross. Lesser Nature Spirits occupied the spaces along the arms of the cross, some as workers holding the lines of the cross, others apparently a part of the Druidic ceremony as were the human priests. Was Hodson correct in his observations? As a theosophically inclined person I have to accept his retrocognitive visions.

Betty Andreasson under hypnosis described herself being lowered through a silvery tube and emerging into a room which seemed to contain "lightning spears", and while I could cite many other references to lightening phenomena in occult literature, I do not pretend to fathom the ultimate meaning of these references, except to note the similarities in a 1930 retrocognitive Druidic vision and a 1967 UFO experience in Ashburnham, Massachusetts.

Long ago, when I first began to study all of this, I felt the term "Venusians" was a generic term for something in OUR minds recalled from science fiction, and comic book meanderings of our childhood past, but Andrews' contention that those appearing as UFO entities can be thought of as inhabiting an invisible dimension beyond Venus has caused me to do some rethinking. Fairies, it is mentioned, are adept at shape-shifting and changing. They can appear in any form that suits them (certain types - not all) and will play back to you like a tape recorder anything which is of a philosophical or inspirational nature just to make you feel more comfortable.

A friend in Florida tells of meeting with a silvery suited entity many years ago whom she swore was her "15 year old brother-in-law". After observing the entity and an associated "pink cloud" she called out "hey, take off that Halloween costume, you're scaring me!" Again, a case published in FATE magazine a few years ago told of a strange young hitchhiker who appeared to be familiar to the others in the car without being able to be placed, and who disappeared nearly in front of their eyes. The woman providing the ride, upon reaching her destination, realized that, of course, the passenger had been the image of her husband.

The beautiful, shimmery image of the "Virgin" previously mentioned, usually found appearing to illiterate children in various European countries and this country and Canada as well, takes on the added characteristics of the Virgin Mary in the familiar religious context of the witnesses. Once again, fairies are adept at such matters.

Dora Van Gelder, author of "Real World of Fairies" claimed she was able to view them all her life. She believed the veil between us and them was exceedingly thin - so much so that anyone could penetrate it with a little effort along the right line. The "penetrators" are most likely those who have developed their abilities through the practice of Yoga, meditation and other techniques to stimulate the "inner eye". Quiet, silence, contemplation are needed. Perhaps this inner eye quality is also possessed by the viewers of UFO entities who are so much fewer in number than those who see UFOs alone.

I have a penfriend who, as a child in Ohio, in the 1930's told me she picked up what appeared to be a tiny man from a rain-swept gutter in Cincinnati after a terrific storm. She had seen a balloon-like-something floating beyond the city limits a few moments before. Here, again, an example of an elf-like entity and a sphere. For eight or nine years after this she had nightmares in which she saw grotesque creatures dancing in a circle in her back yard. During the days she would observe a bright green circle of grass in the exact spot of her dream. She contracted a strange rash all over her body which persisted for months. Her younger brother contracted a strange sunburn which also persisted for months. The symptoms in both cases were not amenable to diagnosis. It is interesting to note the case reported by John Keel in his "Mothman Prophecies" of a young couple in a parked car in Ravenswood, West Virginia, in the spring of 1967 in which both were sunburned from head to foot the morning following the sighting of a humming ball of bluish fire.

If we now pick up our "Kathleen Briggs Encyclopedia of Fairies, Hobgoblins, Brownies, Bogies and Other Supernatural Creatures" and turn to "blights & illnesses associated with fairies", ...page 26..., we read of impetigo and other skin diseases associated with contacts with the wee ones. Also found are cases of redness and swelling of the eyes as well as temporary blindness.

Keel writes of Eugene Siragusa, an Italian contactee who became the center of a growing cult. In 1963, while waiting for a bus he saw an object of a white mercurial color in the sky which zig-zagged very rapidly. A brilliant ray eventually left the object, struck him and pierced him completely, while an indescribable serenity flowed into him: "all his fear left him:" Since that time, Siragusa began to be instructed by an inner voice on geology, cosmology, the mysteries of creation and of former lives. Betty Andreasson felt she was being used as a translator, conveying a message from Quazgaa and the others who had originally contacted her in January, 1967. Through her, under hypnosis, the investigators were lectured and told "man is arrogant".

The philosophical, religio-inspirational speeches of Betty A. are clearly differentiated from the mere occult (which she looks on as evil). But they are identical or likened to the beautiful speeches and sometime rantings of religious mystics of whatever culture and religion, as well as the messages conveyed to people by the fairies. In "The Unidentified", Coleman and Clark describe Anne Jefferies, who after her mid-17th century trip to fairyland (which I believe people are calling UFO abductions, these days) was able to heal people with "all distempers, sicknesses, sores and agues...". In the Jefferies case she was approached by six little men who applied something to her eyes (at an unstated time). When leaving "fairyland" she felt a whirling sensation...and a sound like a thousand flies buzzing about her...". It is interesting that Betty Andreasson described Quazgaa (the "leader" in her experience) as a bee-like entity.

Another area of comparison between UFO and fairy cases is that of surrounding mists. Hodson describes a Moorland gnome as follows: "...from his head issued a brilliant grey luminous mist...which impinged upon my aura and formed a filmy cloud before my face.". Also, "he has succeeded in enveloping our little group with his mist-like projection." Betty Andreasson also remarked on the haze associated with the UFO in her experience.

According to the Rosicrucians, nature spirits have been connected for thousands of years with all organs of our bodies and aid in the function and healing of these bodily parts. This would explain why UFO contactees have been told by entities "WE ARE YOU!" and why they will be involved in our future spiritual evolution and enlightenment.

In summary, pure UFO cases, appearances, characteristics and experiences seem to be much like the old trips to Fairyland. Perhaps the Grimms Fairy Tales are not so grim...they are quite wonderful, and worth a look-see. That is my opinion anyway for whatever it is worth.

Note: Mrs. Barish, the author of The Fairy Connection, invites correspondence on these and related ideas from anyone who cares to write to her at 2 Pole Plain Road, Sharon, Massachusetts 02067, USA.

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